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## Explorers Compared Answer Key

### Sample Responses:

Similarities	Differences
Both were explorers who traveled to new places.	Marco Polo explored Asia; Neil Armstrong explored the moon.
Both inspired others with their journeys.	Marco Polo lived in the 1200s; Neil Armstrong lived in the 1900s.
Both are remembered in history as pioneers.	Marco Polo traveled by land; Neil Armstrong traveled by spacecraft.

### Teacher Notes:

- This worksheet develops **higher-order thinking** by asking students to look beyond facts and notice connections.
- Some students may list surface-level details (e.g., "Marco Polo wore different clothes"), so encourage them to focus on **important historical contrasts**.
- Extension activity: Ask students to imagine interviewing both explorers and write **three questions** they would ask each one.